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True popularity takes deep root and spreads itself wide, but the false pulls away like blossoms; for nothing that is false can be lasting.—Cicero.

A LIBRARY FOR THE TERRITORY

Carrying out its function of service to people of the entire territory, the Carnegie library is planning a system of circulating libraries to serve readers on various parts of Oahu, Hawaii, Maui, Molokai and Kauai. In another column will be found a detailed statement of the plan adopted by the trustees as the only practical system that can now be undertaken with the present rather meager resources upon which the institution must depend.

Of particular interest to that part of the reading public which is remote from sea-ports of the territory is the expressed willingness of the trustees to allow the travelling libraries to be sent inland where inland communities will pay for the transportation of the books to and from the landings. On Hawaii this plan should prove especially useful, for at several landings there is much less need of the public library branch than at communities some distance inland.

The trustees are making every effort to serve the entire territory. The library is not a Honolulu institution, although its location here and the fact that Honolulu is much the largest city in the territory will always mean that Honolulu receives the most direct benefits. There is no reason, however, why, with active interest on the part of other communities—of any other community—the system of travelling libraries should not be developed. Later on, when funds are more plentiful, branch libraries should be established and maintained in all the islands unless the growing cities of Hawaii in the meantime are able to support large institutions of their own.

With the territory-wide need and the readiness of the library trustees to meet this need so far as lies in their power, the next legislature would well afford to appropriate \$5,000 a year toward the maintenance of this public benefit and a further development of its system to furnish books to any town or village.

HEALTH AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEM

The action of the Democratic supervisors in dropping the milk inspector because he is a Republican and appointing one of their political creditors because he is a Democrat, is fairly typical of the effect of ultra-partisan politics in city affairs anywhere. The present case is the more serious, of course, because the milk inspector is directly responsible for much of the health of the city, particularly of the welfare of the children. The relation between a pure milk supply and healthy children is too familiar to need much emphasis here. It is enough to say that many cities have succeeded in lowering their death-rate among children from ten to seventy-five per cent by securing a high degree of purity in the milk sold throughout the city.

The board of agriculture and forestry quite naturally is averse to taking a man of whose qualifications it knows nothing and risking the health of the community on the chance that he will become a skilled inspector. The Star-Bulletin understands that the appointee of the board, E. J. Gay, is a veteran ranchman and presumably knows all about cattle and horses from the standpoint of a cattle-raiser. He will be called upon, however, to make tuberculin tests and to examine milk, and though he can doubtless learn this in a reasonably short time, the fact remains that his education for the particular job to which he is appointed will be secured very largely at the expense of the community. The Gay case has a peculiar history which shows the angle that partisan politics may take. Gay's brother, this paper is informed, is "a good Democrat" and wanted the job, but the supervisors had some disapproval of him. Nevertheless, there was a political debt to satisfy. E. J. Gay was a member of the police force, a mounted patrolman. He was named for the inspector's job, and the debt is paid.

The board of supervisors is not to be blamed for this state of affairs any more than the rest of the community, any more than the legislature which in times past created the hybrid city and county government. The supervisors are caught between the upper and nether millstones of a half-vicious and wholly inefficient system. The city and county should either control its sanitation functions absolutely or not at all. The duplication of work and of office arising from

the present system of a territorial board of health and a municipal health department is one of the products of this inefficient system.

Now the city has six sanitary inspectors who are paid city salaries, but, under an amicable arrangement between the last board of supervisors and the board of health, are handled by the territorial officials. The city is paying for service the territory gets, though, of course, the service is performed in the city.

In the opinion of the Star-Bulletin, the city's health ought to be completely and forever removed from the dangerous zone of political influence. This, of course, is impossible. So long as the structure of our government rests on politics, every function will be more or less affected by politics. But at least we can remove the health of the city from petty politics, from partisan municipal politics. The way to remove it is to centralize the entire sanitation work of Hawaii in the territorial board of health. The present board of supervisors, we feel sure, will be quite willing for the territory to take over the municipal health department. Perhaps a short-cut form of municipal government here would get better results with sanitary matters, but that is a mere guess on the future. The territorial board of health ought to have entire control of health matters, even in the city. That is the only way Honolulu is going to avoid repetitions of instances of the kind now before the citizens. So long as there is a health department under the control of supervisors who owe their elections to the people, just so long that department, and any other department, will have to be used for paying political debts. And just so long as the health department is used for paying political debts, just so long the people of Honolulu will have to take their chances on the character and fitness of the appointees.

The territorial grand jury in a report today recommends that the city publish its resolutions and ordinances but once. The grand jury's recommendation is based on the worthy aim to secure economy in city administration, but we do not believe any such course as is suggested is sound. It has not been found sound economy elsewhere. The whole theory of publishing ordinances and other measures calling for the appropriation of money is to give entire publicity to city affairs and to acquaint the people with what is going on in their municipal government. To restrict publicity of such matters is to restrict one function of government that is quite as important as economy.

The Educational Review just established by the department of education fills a real need in this territory, and that is the need of closer coordination between the widely-scattered teachers, supervising principals and executives of the head office. The first number of the Review contains much valuable information. Exchange of ideas ought to be as effective for progress in the department of instruction as in any other function of government. The educator is sometimes badly in need of education outside his somewhat restricted line.

And yet some of the cynics say that the new Democratic board of supervisors is cutting down Republican salaries in order to spend more money on Bourbon road-workers and a Bourbon police department! How cruel is political suspicion!

The fact that Hawaii is believed to be not in shape for suffrage by a visitor from the mainland need not interfere with the steady, progressive work now carried on by the suffrage association here.

The Powers intimate that it would be a good thing for all concerned if the Sultan would immediately evacuate his European possessions. Undoubtedly it would be a good thing for the Sultan.

San Francisco is soon to have a committee of one thousand to find out what's the matter with the city. Honolulu has to be content with a committee of twenty-five.

While the freeze is on in California is a good time to flood the Coast with Hawaiian promotion literature.

The promotion committee is offering a reward for anyone caught knocking Hilo. Make it Honolulu, too!

Hawaii still seems to be able to thwart the will of old Claus Spreckels!

Old Doc's Talk

My son, if you have friends, you ever you will.

need enemies. They are as necessary as opposing political parties. They may prove inconvenient often and place your competitors in the foreground, but in the end they will serve to bring out some of the ginger that's in you.

Having published their version of your inherent moral perversities, exposed your table manners, and let the world know that you are not what you seem, they will finally subside for lack of something to stand on.

Then, my boy, you will discover who your friends are. The fake ones will sniff the air for wireless reports; some will cease inviting you to dinner; others will give you the ends of their fingers and show you in many ways that you are "persona non grata."

Cutting friends, my son, is an art as perfect as the art of surgery, but unfortunately it is only practised by a set of persons whose social bearings are not yet established.

Remember this, my boy, if you are inclined to feel hurt, and remind yourself that Abraham Lincoln suffered more from this sort of affront than

FRIENDS—AS THE WORLD GOES.

Friends are like clothes.— Sometimes they wear And stretch a long time ere they tear, And never give out anywhere,— As the world goes!

Friends are like clothes.— Those second-hand Are often in the most demand, Made up in style to beat the band,— As the world goes!

Friends are like clothes.— Some of the kind Which fit in front, but, Oh! behind Will rip the first thing—never mind,— As the world goes!

Friends are like clothes.— They wear and wear, There's nothing hurts them, rub or care, They always look well everywhere,— As the world goes!

E. J. Gay

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

THOSE KALAKAUA MIRRORS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir:—The readers of the daily Advertiser of the 10th inst. were treated to one of the most unmitigated pieces of newspaper rot that I have ever been privileged to read. The crowning feature of the article is in the fact that it is false from the first to the last sentence.

While attending to my work I observed employees of the public works department removing two defective mirrors which needed slight repairing. He asked me if I knew of any other defective mirror frames. We investigated, and finding none, Mr. Cole then left the building. On returning to my work I saw a stranger approaching, who made some inquiries about the building, which I answered to the best of my ability.

This is the true story of the "Curious Specimens" trying to rifle the capitol building.

R. JAY GREENE.

FROM THE SOLDIERS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir:—We kindly ask that you publish this letter in your paper.

In a few more days the entire regiment of the 5th United States Cavalry will depart, perhaps forever, from this beautiful island. In parting we leave behind friends and a reputation of which we are justly proud, and carry with us kind thoughts of Honolulu and hope that sometime we shall again be stationed here. We wish to state further that if the people of Honolulu will come forward we shall show our appreciation in some way. The soldiers are afraid to butt in and the people are "either" afraid or don't want to.

We are sorry we could not become better acquainted, but hope that the 4th Cavalry boys will be able to get better acquainted. However, we wish to thank the people of Honolulu for their little kindnesses and assure them that wherever we may roam in the future we shall always remember with pleasure Honolulu and its people.

Yours in friendship,
THE JOLLY TROOPERS,
5th U. S. Cavalry.
per LAWRENCE V. RALSTON.
Written on behalf of the entire regiment.

PARCELS POST INFORMATION.

United States Post Office, Honolulu, Hawaii.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir:—For the information of the public, will you kindly print in your next issue that a full supply of parcels post stamps of the several denominations have been received and will be sold in quantities desired on application at the Parcels Post Division.

sion, on Bethel street. All parcels packages with parcels post stamps affixed, must be brought to the post office for mailing and not put in street letter boxes or given to the

Parcels post packages cannot be delivered by special delivery nor registered, but may be insured to their value not exceeding \$50.00 on payment of 10 cents additional parcels post stamps affixed thereto. Insured packages must be presented at the parcels post division, Bethel street, before being put in the mails, that proper records may be made, and insurance tags attached to each parcel.

Parcels post stamps will be on sale at the general delivery windows after 6 o'clock p. m., until midnight, and from 6 a. m. to 8 a. m., where parcels post packages may also be presented for mailing; during said hours.

Parcels post packages should not exceed 11 pounds in weight or 72 inches in length (end to end) and girth combined, properly and securely packed but not sealed or closed against ready examination.

All mail matter of the fourth class is now mailable as parcels post matter regardless of weight from one ounce to 11 pounds with parcels post stamps and not with ordinary stamps affixed, at rates of postage applicable to the several zones.

JOSEPH G. PRATT,
Postmaster.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

DEMOSTHENES LUCIFRUS — It was by walking that I reduced my avoirdupois—taking long hikes before breakfast, none of your strolls.

P. M. POND—There never was a better adage than in unity there is strength—that is, where the unification is for good purposes. The "Get-Together" slogan is a modernized version of this intensely truthful maxim.
J. W. PRATT—Before the palace electric light plant was installed, the palace was lighted by its own gasoline lighting plant. After it was done away with, the pipe fittings were made up into souvenirs in various shapes. Everybody who lived here at the time of the Wilcox uprising in 1889 will remember the gas tank episode. This tank was later used by the P. G. as a powder magazine. There were several private gasoline plants here before the arrival of the electric light—such as that of Nolte's, where an explosion occurred, killing the head waiter and severely burning Mr. Nolte.

PERSONALITIES

CHAS. A. BROWN is expected to arrive home in the Ventura due here on the 20th.

MRS. J. T. BOYD was a departing passenger in the Sierra for the Coast. Mrs. Boyd will be away for several months.

JOHN HUDULA, a Spaniard, was

For Sale

COLLEGE HILLS—2 choice residence lots 13,500 sq. ft. each \$1250
OCEAN VIEW—Modern home with all conveniences \$8500
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WAIKIKI—Choice building lot, 7200 sq. ft. \$1750
PAWAA—Modern 1½ story house \$4000
Fine building lot 12,981 sq. ft. \$2000
PUNAHOU—6-room house and cottage \$6000
1½ story modern cottage \$4500
Modern 5-room bungalow \$4850
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knocked off a dray on Nuuanu avenue yesterday when it was hit by Rapid Transit car 29, of that line, and sustained several slight bruises.

AUTO ON WRONG SIDE: BAD ACCIDENT AVERTED

A noisy automobile, being driven on the wrong side of the street, was the cause of an accident on King street this morning which might have resulted fatally had it not been for the quick action of several bystanders.

The machine was driven up on the left-hand side of the street, and as it came to a stop near the corner of Fort

gave vent to an ear-splitting racket, causing a horse which was tied to the curb to become frightened. The horse kicked itself free from the harness, and then launched its heels in the direction of a brake which passed at that moment, upsetting the latter with a smashed wheel. The man driving the brake narrowly missed being struck by the horse's hoofs, and several bystanders stepped in and soon had the horse quieted down.

King George has forced the Prince of Wales to resign from Oxford's most swaggy club because he joined in a college "rag" or hilarious party.

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House, lot and furniture, Park Ave., Kaimuki \$2700
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1 Acre on 10th Ave, Kaimuki \$ 600
3 lots, Ocean View, cor. Kaimuki \$1450
1 lot Claudine and 18th Aves, Kaimuki \$ 450
1 lot, 3d Avenue, Kaimuki \$ 700

House and lots Puunui, near Country Club, lot 150x150; bargain price for quick sale; cash or instalments.

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